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REMARKS

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1. On 4 October 1953, the Reden Tunnel installation at Ruedersdorf-Kalkberge was occupied by 1 major, 4 captains, 4 to 6 senior lieutenants, 4 to 6 lieutenants, all wearing red-bordered golden epaulets, and 80 to 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including 40 to 50 troops armed with carbines and the others armed with submachine guns. Between 20 September and 4 October, two officers were repeatedly seen entering the installation and, after 1 hour, returning to the barracks installation southeast of Ruedersdorf by foot, sedan or truck. At about 3 a.m. on 20 or 21 September, a violent detonation, followed by several weak detonations, was heard from Reden Strasse. Source expressed the belief that the detonations occurred in the underground installation. Between 24 and 29 September, motor

2. On 4 October, the barracks installation southeast of Ruedersdorf was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including a few with signal, motor transport and tank insignia. Between 20 September and 4 October, source determined that a long building, which housed a dispensary and a quarantine station, had been erected in the barracks area. An informant stated that, between 18 and 25 September, about 400 to 500 troops had left the installation on trucks. They included about 100 troops on 5 trucks which allegedly moved to Strausberg, while the others left eastward on the autobahn, allegedly for Frankfurt/Oder. Motor vehicles seen

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3. On 3 October, the barracks installation southeast of Ruedersdorf was occupied by about 2,000 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and motor transport insignia. Between 1 and 4 October, source determined that the woods adjoining the installation to the south and northeast, as well as the approach roads to these woods, had been marked as restricted area. Camouflaged observation posts had been established around the quarters inside of the fence. Most of these observation posts, which resembled earth bunkers, were located on the west side, about 30 meters from the northwest corner and on the south side, about 50 meters from the southwest corner. Source observed lean-to roof, about 12 x 50 meters, which had been newly erected on the south side of the quarters. Little activity was observed in the billeting area during the period under review. On 1

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1. [redacted] Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the Reden Tunnel and the strength of the guard detail. See [redacted] Ammunition stored in the Reden Tunnel may have

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2. [redacted] Comment. The guns in the barracks yard and the [redacted] are stationed in the barracks installation southeast of Ruedersdorf; it is, however, believed that they do not exceed the strength of a regiment. The tank insignia observed tend to indicate that additional unidentified units may be stationed in the installation as had previously been assumed. See [redacted] Units stationed at the installation may have participated in undetermined exercises in late September.

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